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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 19, 2003, the following comments are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 10-15 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner quotes limitations which are not present in any of claims 10-15 and thus claims 10-15 should not be limited by this Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in any way. Applicants submit these

Comments to ensure that claims 10-15 are not in any way limited by the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which discusses limitations not present in any of claims 10-15.

While Applicants agree that each of claims 10-15 distinguish from the prior art and are allowable over the art of record, each of these claims should be interpreted only by the limitations present therein. The Examiner cites several "means" limitations; however, none of claims 10-15 include any "means" limitations. Thus, none of claims 10-15 should be interpreted in any way so as to include any such "means" limitation. Accordingly, these Comments are submitted herewith to ensure that each of claims 10-15 are not limited by the Examiner's Statements in any way and are limited only by the limitations present therein.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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